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# Historical group to celebrate a half century



In front of the Shinn House, Shinnston Historical Association members group together for a picture circa 2013.

By Maralisa Marra

The Shinnston Historical Association was founded in the spring of 1972, according to President Bobby Bice, so for the association's annual fall dinner, they will be celebrating 50 years.

Bice said that they are hoping the dinner will serve as more than just a celebration of 50 years; they are interested in inviting new members into the organization, as well.

The Historical Association used to have annual fall dinners, but they have not had one since 2019 due to the ongoing pandemic. This year is their first one back.

Upon reviewing the association's membership list at the last meeting Bice had with the board of directors on Sept. 3, they noticed that about 10 people who were active members have passed away in the last three or four years.

There is not a maximum number of members, but Bice said the association is particularly seeking active members.

"On average, when we get together, there are maybe 12 or 15 of us," Bice said. "We would just like to have more members, but other than that, we'd like to have more active members."

When the Historical Association formed in 1972, there were 180 members. Although he said they are not expecting a turnout of 180 members, they are hoping to meet some new history buffs.

He said, "We want interested persons or anybody that might have an active interest," because they have the Shinn House to take

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Members of the Shinnston Historical Association gather in front of the Shinn House circa 2011.

## Woman's Club learns of pioneer days



During the Shinnston Woman's Club meeting Aug. 15, members heard of the time-consuming process pioneering women went through to spin clothes.

Submitted by  
Co-President  
Debra Herndon

At its most recent meeting, the Shinnston Woman's Club members got a sense of the labor-intensive, long process

that pioneer women went through to produce clothing from raw materials.

The group met Aug. 15 with Co-President Mary Ann Ferris presiding.

Recording Secretary Wanda

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## Dental office plans military appreciation day

In observance of a military thank-you event, Wilson Martino Dental offices will be offering free dental care to active military, their immediate family, and veterans on Thursday, Oct. 13, according to a news release.

Free offerings include exams, x-rays, fluoride treatment, cleaning, oral cancer screenings and any

same-day work.

Dr. Robert Martino, owner of Wilson Martino Dental, founded the event ten years ago.

"2022 is a special milestone year for our event, as we celebrate ten years of giving back and saying thank you to those who have served our country!" said spokeswoman Wendy Boyce.

She said hundreds of West Virginia businesses and thousands of dental teams and businesses across the country are participating. Free gifts, door prizes, meals and other items are available.

More information on participating businesses is available at <https://www.freedomdayusa.org/west-virginia.html>

## Secrets to cities' success



### BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT  
author, speaker, consultant

dollars on new convention centers, parks, and other projects, only to greet visitors with trash blowing in the wind. In my experience, when cities don't focus on clean streets and buildings, the problem only gets worse.

Likewise, when cities and towns have a zero-tolerance

As I travel around the country, working with cities and towns, one of the most frequently asked questions I get is, "What is the most important thing for a town to do to improve?" While many city officials think that they need mountains of money to be successful, I rarely find that money alone will make a city Amazing.

So, if it is not money, what is the secret ingredient that makes cities and towns successful? I like to think that there are four key things that cities and towns need to focus on.

#### Cleanliness

While it may seem simple, cities and towns need to be diligent in maintaining a clean and orderly town. Litter, graffiti, overgrown lots, and junk in yards are toxic for cities and towns. It is surprising how many cities and towns spend millions of

policy for litter and graffiti, the results are often noticed after only a few months. Is it expensive? Many cities and towns have found that keeping things clean can be done through volunteer efforts and investments by businesses and other organizations.

#### Teamwork

Building an effective team is essential to turn a city or town around. Whether the leadership comes from city hall or churches or community organizations, the fundamentals of building teamwork require organized

See "Hunt" on Pg 3.

## Racers to roll in to Shinnston

By Maralisa Marra

Nothing goes better together than a bike race and an ice-cold beer to follow after battling the tough terrain of the annual Pike Street Bikes Rollin' Coal Gravel Grinder.

The Rollin' Coal Gravel Grinder, a gravel bike race hosted by Shinnston's own Pike Street Bikes, will take place on Saturday. It features

three lengths of races: 100, 65, and 35 miles. The race includes multiple types of terrains and travels through places like Odell Knob and Five Points.

The Long Wall 100 Miler shift starts at 8 a.m.; the Low Seam 60 Miler begins at 9 a.m.; and the 35 Short Shift takes off at 10 a.m. from the Ferguson Memorial Park in

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Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane
Chair, WV Public Service Commission

Pipeline inspectors keep us safe

I have often used this column as an opportunity to remind people to call 811 before they dig. This week I'd like to brag a bit about the PSC's Gas Pipeline Safety inspectors who are out in the field, across the state, keeping us safe.

We know natural gas is an affordable resource for heating water, cooking meals, drying clothes and keeping our homes warm in the winter. We also know that if we smell sulfur in the air, it may mean a gas leak and we should immediately leave the building and call 911.

But who keeps an eye on natural gas pipelines that transport the gas to your home? In many cases, it's the Public Service Commission's Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) inspectors. Our team was responsible for more than 14,000 miles of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in West Virginia in 2021. New regulations that went into effect in May added another class of pipelines to the PSC's jurisdiction, so that number will increase significantly this year.

Our GPS inspectors also monitor pipeline safety compliance for 96 gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators. They performed 253 inspections last year, including operations and maintenance, integrity management, operator qualification and drug and alcohol plans. They investigated three reportable incidents and inspected construction activities to ensure compliance with design and construction safety regulations.

Much of the work our GPS inspectors do takes place outdoors, where the pipelines are. That means they work in all kinds of weather. There is a GPS inspector on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for the rare chance of an accident occurring. Our GPS Division maintains a toll-free 24-hour hotline for pipeline operators to report incidents, accidents and gas outages.

GPS inspectors are required to receive training in all aspects of pipeline safety and on federal pipeline regulations at the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration Training and Qualification Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Inspectors must complete at least six intensive classes within their first three years on the job. Additional training is required for those who work with hazardous liquids. Training continues throughout an inspector's career.

Inspecting pipelines is tough and exacting work. I wanted you to be aware of the highly trained and dedicated professionals who do this important work and keep all of us safe.

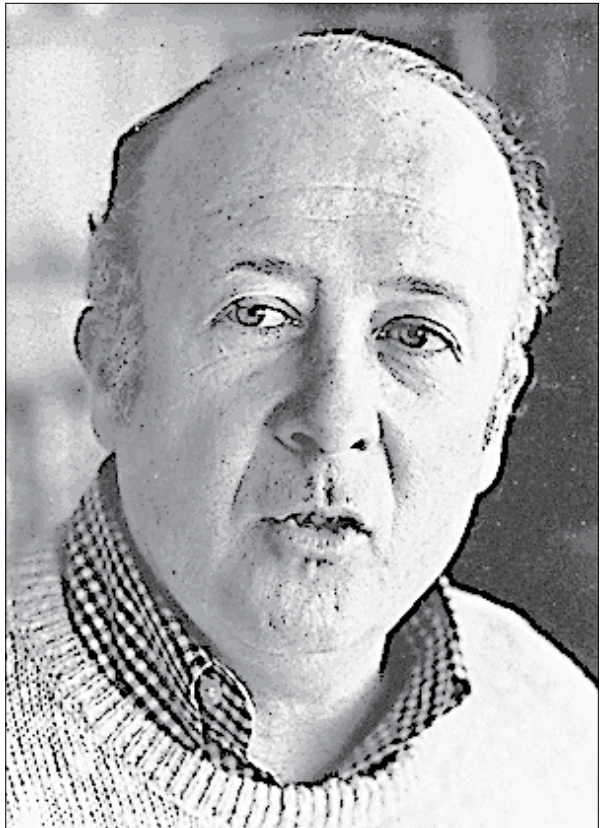
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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History



Author John Knowles was born during this week in history. He was born on Sept. 16, 1926, in Fairmont. He achieved success in the literary world in 1959 with his first novel, "A Separate Peace." The coming-of-age novel was inspired by his experience at a private school, Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. Knowles later attended Yale University.

Knowles's other published works include "Morning in Antibes," "Double Vision: American Thoughts Abroad," "Indian Summer," "Phineas: Six Stories," "Paragon," "Spreading Fires," "A Vein of Riches," "Peace Breaks Out," and "The Private Life of Axie Reed." "A Vein of Riches" was set in and around "Middleburg," apparently a fictional Fairmont.

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.
Sept. 15, 1875: Henry Hatfield was born near Matewan, Mingo County. As a doctor in the coal camps, he helped secure funding to establish three miners hospitals for the southern part of the state. In 1912, he was elected the state's 14th governor.
Sept. 15, 1906: Songwriter Jack Rollins was born in Keyser. Rollins wrote the lyrics to "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" and "Frosty the Snow Man," two of America's most popular songs.
Sept. 16, 1926: Writer John Knowles was born in Fairmont. He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, "A Separate Peace."
Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. was born in Keyser. Gates is one of the leading African American intellectuals in the United States and has written several books, including "Colored

People: A Memoir," which describes his experiences growing up in Mineral County.
Sept. 17, 1848: Artist Lily Irene Jackson was born in Parkersburg. Jackson was best known as a painter of animal portraits and floral arrangements, and as an advocate for the arts.
Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.
Sept. 18, 1989: Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg. She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using Summers County people as actors.
Sept. 19, 1892: William "Bill" Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.
Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.
Sept. 21, 1895: Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County.
Sept. 21, 1970: Filming began in Moundsville on the movie "Fools' Parade," based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.
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## N&J Briefs

### FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

This calendar of events listing is provided free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to [newsandjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandjournal@yahoo.com).

#### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31

Monthly meeting  
7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15  
American Legion Post 31, Shinnston.

#### Elimination Dinner

Humane Society of Harrison County  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Sweet Tee's at the Club  
Clarksburg Country Club  
Social Time 6 p.m.  
Dinner 7 p.m.  
\$30 single ticket  
\$50 for couple  
Bring a donation of Purina cat food or cat litter for a chance at extra ticket.  
Do not have to be present to win.

### "Hunt" From Pg 1.

efforts and proper planning. When you have a comprehensive community plan, it allows for multiple groups to come together to work on well-identified goals to improve the community. Building teamwork allows for people of all ages and all skill levels to be a part of the effort. A youth group can be extremely effective on graffiti removal and litter campaigns, while businesses may want to focus on things that they do well. A construction company may have a bucket truck or backhoe that they would be willing to use to do jobs that exceed the capabilities of more inexperienced volunteers.

#### Communication

To enact an effective community plan, good communication is essential. Citizens must know exactly what is expected of them and how progress is measured. If several groups are working on a community project, good communication avoids problems

and gives everyone a transparent view of the project. Social media can be used to announce events and show pictures of activities. It is good to designate one person to manage the communication effort and make sure that there are regular announcements to keep the enthusiasm at a high level. Some cities and towns have found that creating a theme can assist in the communication effort.

Years ago, the U.S. Forest Service was having a problem with visitors to parks, unintentionally starting forest fires by not putting out their campfires. They created the "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires" campaign and introduced the country to Smokey the Bear, a symbol that is one of the most recognizable in the country.

#### Celebrate and Have Fun

Few people want to come out on their day off to feel like they are in Army boot camp. When you have activities, make sure you keep it enjoyable and have

plenty of treats for the volunteers. This is also a good way to involve local businesses in the effort. Ask businesses to donate food or gift cards to reward outstanding efforts. Take lots of pictures and post to social media. If you are cleaning up an area that is filled with trash, take before and after pictures, to note the improvement. Don't overwork your volunteers. Try to manage the work to give participants time to interact and socialize. The goal is to create an atmosphere of community and instill community pride. People who have fun and make friends are more likely to continue in working with the community groups since they know what to expect.

Amazing cities and towns are not always the wealthiest or best financed, but they are always the ones that create a sense of community and have ways for everyone to get involved in projects and activities. It works! Do something Amazing this week!

# Soup tasting event to benefit nonprofits

The Harrison County 4-H Leaders Association is preparing to host the county's second Empty Bowls event on Sept. 25, according to a news release.

The goal is for attendees to gather as a community,

enjoy tasting soup and help neighbors in need through 100% of ticket sales going directly to The Mustard Seed and The Clarksburg Mission.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and

awareness in the fight to end hunger.

Harrison County 4-H campers painted 400 bowls at the 2019 event.

The event will be held at First United Methodist Church, at 1117 Good Hope

Pike at the corner of Pike and Second Streets in Downtown Clarksburg.

Participants may join anytime between 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Those with questions may call 304-624-8650 or email

[elizabeth.skidmore@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.skidmore@mail.wvu.edu).

Prices range from \$5 for a child to \$10 for an adult without a painted bowl and \$15 for an adult with a painted bowl.

### "Celebrate" From Pg 1.

care of, and due to aging members, Bice wants to ensure that the association has the means to manage the upkeep of the property.

In 1972, six months after the Historical Association was formed, they took ownership and responsibility of the Shinn House.

"You're an organization for six months, and now you have a piece of property and an important historical house that you have to maintain," Bice said.

He also said a number of Shinn descendents from all over the country are members, but they are not as hands-on as local members can be because they are too far away to participate.

Overall, the Shinnston Historical Association is looking for volunteers who are interested in history to become active members in the organization in order to sustain it for future generations.

If interested in becoming a member, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner will take place at Jimmy's Diner at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25. Karen Morgan, a member of the Historical Association, will be the keynote speaker of the dinner meeting.

### "Club" From Pg 1.

Ashcraft gave devotions on friends and the value they can add to your quality of life. The group said the pledge to the flag in unison.

Judy Wilson, who works at Prickett's Fort State Park in Marion County, presented the program attired in a period costume. Wilson brought a number of distaffs, tools used in spinning, as well as drop spindles, and she demonstrated their use.

She also brought flax, sheep and goat wool and described the processes that the fibers would have to go through to be ready for spinning.

Members were then

given hooks and wool so that they could attempt to produce yarn.

A business meeting followed the program. Treasurer Mary Ann Spadafore gave a financial report.

Spadafore, Ferris, Connie Leuliette, Donna Mick and Willa Jean Green had all attended the District Summer Conference and shared information they had learned.

Kathleen Panek provided refreshments including fresh homemade bagels topped with cream cheese or ham salad and peach/blackberry cobbler with ice cream. The tables were decorated with bud vases containing colorful zinnias accented with



Judy Wilson, a Prickett's Fort State Park worker, tells Shinnston Woman's Club members about clothes spinning during pioneer days.

mint, basil, Thai basil and dill, all from the garden of Co-President Debra Herndon. Members were invited to take the flowers home.

Present not previously mentioned were Viviane Spagnuolo, Deborah Starkey, and guests Robert P. Bice III and Charla Waters Koerner.

### "Racers" From Pg 1.

East Shinnston.

According to the event's Facebook page, to take on this race "you'll need to bring your sense of backroad adventure, a coal-miner's work ethic, and a strong will to survive a day toiling in the gravel roads of West Virginia Coal County."

Owner of Pike Street Bikes Jason Martin said that some of last year's race participants said that the Gravel Grinder is one of the most difficult bike races on the East Coast. The mountainous terrain presents such a challenge that it is difficult to choose the type of bike to take on the West Virginia hills and gravel roads, according to Martin.

To couple with the race, Ace Hardware and the City of Shinnston will be cosponsoring the Rollin' Brews Beer Festival the same day. However, the festival is not just for the bikers—anyone can attend.

Rollin' Brews will feature an array of music acts, food trucks, and craft beer all located at the city park, as well.

Music will include appearances from Last Year's Model, Forever Strong, Aristotle Jones, Corduroy Brown, and A.M. Benson. Food from Cheese Louise, A Team Barbecue, Medina Spanish Sausage, Lizzy's Shaved Ice, Mister Crabs Catering and Boil Truck, and Kettle Pop & Company may complement any draft of choice from the brewing companies.

Drink along to the melodies and wash down some delicious food with beers from West Virginia's own breweries: Big Timber Brewing, Clendenin Brewing Co., Screech Owl Brewing, Short Story Brewing, The Rambling Root, High Ground Brewing and Stump Town Ale.

According to Brendan Gallagher, who is assisting with the planning of the event, the breweries will be featuring a number of seasonal brews for the fall. He said they will also be offering their standard brews.

"They [the breweries] will be offering their unique blends and some standard fare, as well," Gallagher said.

Tickets for Rollin' Brews are \$40 a piece for attendees who are eligible and want to drink. The ticket includes six half pours and a Rollin' Brews glass to keep. The price of admission provides each participant with six half-pour tickets for brews of their choice.

Gallagher said, "You can use two tickets if there's a beer you really like and want to get a full pour."

Sampling will also be available, according to Gallagher.

Tickets are available for those who are not eligible to drink or decide not to drink, and they are \$20 for entrance while those who are 16 and under can get in free.

If interested in signing up for the Gravel Grinder race, visit <https://www.bikereg.com/rollincoal>.

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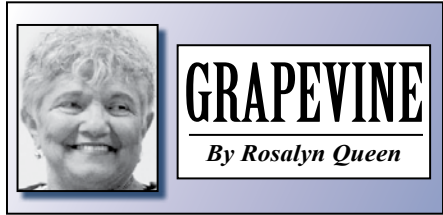
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### GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

## Congratulations to Italian festival volunteers

First, I want to compliment the Board of the Italian Heritage Festival on a great festival. I was becoming a little depressed after two years thinking that perhaps we would not have any more festivals. I above all people know what it takes to get a festival on the street. It is not an easy task and the standards have been set so high, that a bad festival would be the same as none. I felt myself

getting excited as the weekend drew near and I truly hoped that this would be a redeeming festival. I attended the Queen's dinner and it was done in such good taste my hopes kept getting higher.

On Friday morning, Sept. 2, as I made my way to town to watch the coronation, I still had that vibrant feeling about a great festival. I was afraid that we might get rain but that did not happen either. As I found a shady spot to put my chair in front of the stage, I became sure

that this was going to be a great festival. The crowd in front of the stage was great. I became so elated that after the coronation I could not leave the area. I truly stayed until after 7 p.m. and came home a very happy person feeling that we were back in business and that we truly had a future with our festival.

Congratulations to the Board and all the volunteers.

Now I want to make a few comments about the passing of Queen Elizabeth. So many times, when we watch funerals on television, they are

depressing. But I found myself not feeling so depressed. One because the Queen had such a long life and reign and second because the succession of King Charles was really a happy occasion. Other happy tidbits were the gathering of Harry and William. And

the television snippets of the Queen's life.

A reminder that school has started, and we all need to watch out for the children going to and from school.

Stay safe and healthy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

### City meetings planned

The next Shinnston Sanitary Board meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 at the City Office at 40 Main St., according to city officials.

The next City Council work session is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sept. 26 at the Woman's Club at 28 Bridge St.

## Marshall Tucker Band to play in Clarksburg

Big Time Entertainment, LLC, in partnership with The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, is bringing the 50th Anniversary Tour of The Marshall Tucker Band to downtown Clarksburg, according to a news release. The performance is planned for Thursday, Oct. 20, at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg.

"I've been in tune with how music can make you feel, right from when I was first in the crib," explained lead vocalist and bandleader Doug Gray, who's been fronting MTB since the very beginning. "I was born with that. And I realized it early on, back when I was a little kid, and my mom and dad encouraged me to get up there and sing whatever song came on the jukebox. It got to the point where people were listening to me more than what was on the jukebox! There's a certain gift I found I could share, whether I was in front of five people or 20,000 people. I was blessed with that ability, and I'm thankful I can share with others."

The Marshall Tucker Band came together as a young, hungry, and quite driven six-piece outfit in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1972, having duly baptized themselves with the name of



Doug Gray, lead vocalist and bandleader for The Marshall Tucker Band, will be performing with the group in Clarksburg next month.

a blind piano tuner after they found it inscribed on a key to the original rehearsal space – and they've been in tune with tearing it up on live stages both big and small all across the globe ever since. Plus, the band's mighty music catalog, consisting of more than 20 studio albums and a score of live releases, has racked up multi-platinum album sales many times over. A typically rich MTB setlist is bubbling over with a healthy dose of hits like the heartfelt singalong "Heard It in a Love Song," the insistent pleading of "Can't You See" (the signature tune of MTB's late co-founding lead guitarist and then-principal songwriter Toy Caldwell), the testifying "Fire on the Mountain," the wanderlust gallop of "Long Hard Ride," and the explosive testimony of "Ramblin," to name but a few.



Along with original bandleader and lead vocalist Doug Gray, bandmates in The Marshall Tucker Band include B.B. Borden, Ryan Ware, Marcus James Henderson, Chris Hicks, and Rick Willis.

"Simply put, The Marshall Tucker band is southern rock at its finest," said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand's program manager. "And to have them stop at the Robinson Grand as a part of their 50th Anniversary tour...wow, what a privilege!"

Doug Gray sees no end to the road that lies ahead for The Marshall Tucker Band, whose legacy is being carried forward by the man himself and his current bandmates, B.B. Borden, Ryan Ware, Marcus James Henderson, Chris Hicks, and Rick Willis.

"You know, I think it was Toy

Caldwell's dad who said, 'There's more to gray hair than old bones,' and we still have a lot of stories yet to tell," Gray concluded. "People ask me all the time what I'm gonna do when I turn 80, and I always say, 'The same thing that we're continuing to do now.' We're road warriors, there's no doubt about that...and I don't intend to slow down."

Tickets for The Marshall Tucker Band start at \$49. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

## WVU student contracts monkeypox

A West Virginia University student tested positive for monkeypox on Sept. 7, according to a news release.

The patient, who resides off-campus, has been seen by health care providers and was isolated and recovering. WVU Medicine Student Health planned to continue to monitor the case, close contacts of the student were identified and were being notified by the Monongalia County Health Department and the WVU CARE Team was offering support.

Monkeypox is a rare disease that is primarily spread through close, personal and/or intimate contact with an individual infected with the monkeypox virus. This includes direct skin-to-skin contact with monkeypox rash or bodily fluids from an infected person.

"Currently, the risk of monkeypox transmission on our campus and across the state is very low and, with proper safety precautions, there is no need for elevated concern," Dr. Carmen Burrell, medical director of WVU Medicine

Student Health and Urgent Care, said. "You can prevent infection by avoiding direct contact with rashes, scabs or body fluids from a person diagnosed with monkeypox and wearing a mask if you are in prolonged close contact with someone who has symptoms or a confirmed infection, such as in a health care setting. Anyone exposed should monitor for symptoms for 21 days and, if symptoms develop, isolate until evaluation by a health care professional can be obtained."

While the University will not send public communications for each new case, those who are identified as having a possible exposure will be notified and are asked to follow instructions if they are contacted. WVU will continue to collaborate with the Monongalia County Health Department to increase awareness, provide educational resources and share information about vaccine availability.

Students with medical questions should reach out to WVU Medicine Student Health at 304-285-7200.

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## Registration for Fall Enrichments begins this week

### From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Last week, the Park's staff went to all area schools in the county to drop off flyers with enrichment program information. Each teacher from all elementary and middle schools received the pamphlet about each program, what to expect, and how to register. The gains in popularity and ways to schedule has made it interesting to make sure that all things are done fairly. Leave it to Director Mike Book to find the best way to make it work.

"Before things really took off, we would take phone calls and if the time was available it was given to the class. We were not completely booked so things were pretty easy on getting things scheduled. That was eight years ago and since then we had to find some way to make sure that everyone had a chance to get in their request dates under the fairest of ways," Book said.

Registration nowadays consists of an opening date schedule where an email is sent to Book asking for dates for the program. Beginning at 9 a.m., a flood of emails comes in asking for particular dates, and Book sorts through them based on timeline order and tries to accommodate the best way he can. It can be a little overwhelming early on since the demand has been strong, according to Book.

"It is a total team effort when it comes to scheduling these programs. I receive all the emails in the beginning and set up the dates. Then, an email is sent to the teachers letting them know that their date has been accepted or an alternative date is

available if someone before them wanted the same date. Included in the email is a Google Form we created to let the teachers register for their day," Book said.

The registration form is pretty standard as it asks the basic questions needed like the number of kids, how many classes, time for lunch, and any special requests. It helps the staff best prepare for the day with the school and makes things work smoothly. The program is always adjustable, but we can work our schedule according to the requests of the teachers.

The first installment is our Outdoor Adventures which has already been discussed in previous articles. Teaching all things about nature, recreation, and lifetime sports are the primary focus on the enrichment. Some things to note is that the kids will most likely be outside and will need the proper footwear and attire for the day. Therefore, if your child and their class is scheduled for a day at the Recreation Complex, please make sure that shorts, pants, and athletic wear are worn for the trip.

"Believe it or not, but we do get asked if the kids will be outside," Book said jokingly. "The kids will walk the trail, play on the playground, and spend the day outside, and we want to make sure that they are ready to do so. Things like flip-flops, dresses, and wearing summer clothes on cool days are not recommended. Dress in layers and have the proper shoes and you will have a great day."

The program will begin in October and run through early November. For more information or if you would like to participate, please contact the Park's office at 304-423-7800 or email Book at mbook@harrisoncountywv.gov, and we will try to find a date for you.

## Cougars claim top spot in the county



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

Lincoln's football team is coming off of an impressive 47-7 win over Grafton. The victory moved the cougars to 2-0 on their campaign. It might be early in the season, but the top-notch play on the field has put this squad at the top of the standings in Harrison County.

Currently, Lincoln stands alone as the only unbeaten team, and they have done it by hammering their opponents. The Cougars have defeated Braxton County and Grafton by a combined score of 115-27.

The offense is averaging 57.5 points a game while the defense (which has utilized several players because of the lopsided scores) is giving up less than two touchdowns an outing. The confidence gained from last year's success has had a residual effect on this year's edition. This group is not going into contests hoping to win; instead, they are expecting to win.

Last Friday was the home opener and Cougar fans were mighty impressed with the play on the field.

Lincoln signal-caller Nick Kellar connected with Maddox Perine from four yards out for the lockups first score. Liam Gallagher added the extra point (one of five in the affair) to make it 7-0.

Later in the first quarter, Kellar scored on a one-yard run to double the lead. The quarterback tossed a second scoring strike to Levi Moore this time from 16 yards out. A pair of rushing touchdowns from Antwan Hilliard (42 yards) and Nate Swiger (35 yards) pushed the advantage to 34-0 at the halftime break.

The third quarter brought two more rushing scores to put the game out of reach: a one-yard run from Moore and a four-yard run from Swiger.

Hilliard put on a show for those in attendance at Stydahr Field rushing for a game-high 185 yards on just 15 carries; equally impressive was the near 200-yard effort and the 12.3 average per rush. Kellar was near perfection in the air going 9 of 11 for 131 yards.

The Cougars displayed exceptional offensive balance by rushing for 326 yards while throwing for 174. The 500-yard total was too much for the Bearcats to handle.

The defensive unit dominated, as well. The first team did not allow a score, and Grafton only mustered three first downs and 155 total

yards in the tilt.

Lincoln will host Nicholas County tonight in Shinnston. The short week will provide a challenge for both teams, but the Cougars have the advantage of possessing one of the top coaching staffs in the state.

The short week also has an advantage on the other side because it affords an extra day of preparation for the following week when Lincoln travels to North Marion. The Huskies reside just across the border and are off to an impressive start. North Marion blanked Oak Glen last week 49-0, and they are a legitimate contender in Class AA. If all goes as planned, it could be a battle of the unbeaten on Sept. 23.

The other winner in Harrison County last week was Bridgeport. The Tribe handled John Marshall, 49-21. The Indians held a 14-7 lead after the first period, and then they proceeded to double it (28-14) by halftime. Bridgeport wore down the Monarchs in the second half to claim the hand-fought win.

The Tribe was paced by Zach Rohrig and Phil Reed. Rohrig rushed for 205 yards on 14 carries. He also picked up the three rushing touchdowns. Reed gained 175 yards on 10 attempts and found paydirt on a 70-yard run.

Bridgeport will host the Cougars in the regular season finale on Nov. 4. This lockup will be of great significance for both teams as they battle for playoff position.

That will do it for now. Until next week...take care and God Bless!

## Amateur golf series held at Tygart Valley

The West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA) FLIGHT by Yuengling Amateur Series saw a battle between Lauren Ramsey of Clarksburg and Karen Rainey of Daniels, according to a news release Friday. Rainey eventually took the Women's Gross title by three strokes.

On the men's side, Jess Ferrell of Fairmont took the title in the Championship flight with a six under par 66, besting Caden Moore of Bridgeport by one stroke. "I really putted well today, and it gave me the advantage over the field," Ferrell said. "This being my home course, it's nice to take the title today!"

Van Stemple of Shepherdstown took the Men's Gross Division after shooting five birdies and posting a two under par 70. Justin Keaton of Charleston took the Men's Net Division with an eight under par 64.

Tygart Valley owner Todd Williams said, "We're glad to have the WVGA and these outstanding golfers here today. The course looks great, even with the great amount of rain we've had this season."

The FLIGHT by Yuengling Amateur Series is open to anyone, male or female, of any skill level. Awards are given in several flights based on net and gross



On the men's side in the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA) FLIGHT by Yuengling Amateur Series, Jess Ferrell of Fairmont took the title in the Championship flight.

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## Athletes of the Week

It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student-athletes. Each week we review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athlete of the Week award is an avenue to promote the youth of our county while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

This week's winners of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Award are Robert C. Byrd's Avery Childers and Bridgeport's Zach Rohrig.

Flying Eagle volleyball player Avery Childers led her squad to a pair of tri-match wins this past week.

Childers had four big efforts in the victories over East Fairmont and Grafton on Tuesday and Elkins and Lincoln on Thursday. She was exceptional in every category, and she came up aces with key serves in the previously mentioned wins.

Indian running back Zach Rohrig led the Tribe to a 49-21 win over John Marshall last Friday. Rohrig rushed for 205 yards on 14 carries. He also scored three touchdowns on runs of 23, one, and 90 yards respectively.

Congratulations to Robert C. Byrd's Avery Childers and Bridgeport's Zach Rohrig for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!



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# OBITUARIES

**Harold R. "Petie" Gregory**



Harold R. "Petie" Gregory, 58, of Shinnston passed away on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, at United Hospital Center surrounded by his family. He was born on Nov. 5, 1963, in Akron, OH a son of Margaret Mae Haddix Williams of Shinnston and the late Richard Pete Gregory.

He is also survived by his two daughters: Kali Toth and her husband Jordan of Meadowbrook; and Karlie Gregory of Shinnston; his grandchildren, Lilly, Bristol, Hynlee, and Krew Toth of Meadowbrook; and Nora Rae Huffman of Morgantown; his sister, Robin Ash and her husband Mike of Clarksburg; his brothers: Rick Gregory of Shinnston; Timmy Gregory of Shinnston; and Michael Gregory of Wilmington, NC; as well as his former wife of 27 years, Beth Gregory of Shinnston.

In addition to his father, Petie was preceded in death by his sister, Cindy Gregory; his maternal grandparents, Walter and Minnie Geraldine Jenkins Haddix; and his paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Edna Beverly Gregory.

Petie was a true family man who loved spending time with his children. He enjoyed watching sports and cooking. He was also an avid hunter and NY Giants fan.

Friends were received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 4 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 6 p.m. Pastor Robert Shingleton will officiate the service.

The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gregory family.

**Jason Arnie Owens**



Jason Arnie Owens, 37, of Wallace passed away Aug. 24, 2022, in Clarksburg. He was born April 6, 1985, in Clarksburg, a son of Dianna Poling Owens, who resides in

Clarksburg and the late Junior Arnie Owens. Also preceding him in death are his grandfathers: Arney Owens, Jr. and Ray Poling, Jr.

Surviving are his son Justin Arnie (Bubby) Owens of Wallace; Chance Owens of Pine Bluff; his daughter Chelsea Owens of Pine Bluff; a sister, one niece, and one nephew, all from Weston; his grandmothers: Linda Poling of Clarksburg and Juanita Owens of Shinnston; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jason was employed by Prescription Lawn Care. He was an Odinst. He actively hunted, loved riding 4-wheelers, and putting any vehicle he owned in the mud.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St., Shinnston, on Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a service at 1 p.m. Interment followed at Tenmile Cemetery, near Wallace.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston

**Kaylyn Michelle Lipscomb**



Kaylyn Michelle Lipscomb, 24, of Shinnston, WV passed away on Sept. 4, 2022, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV. She was born Nov. 20, 1997, in Morgantown, WV, a daughter of the late Susan Kay Lipscomb.

Kaylyn was a member of the Whitehall Church of Christ and a 2016 graduate of Grafton High School. She was a computer-wiz and was very interested in gaming and website design. She was an excellent drawer and enjoyed crafting, crocheting, and collecting dolls. Due to her spina bifida, she was wheelchair bound but loved to wheel the trails at Hinkle and Deegan Lake in Bridgeport with her special niece, Emorie. She enjoyed spending time in the pool on a hot summer day and enjoyed taking drives all over North Central West Virginia, but especially through the mountains.

Kaylyn is survived by her maternal grandmother, Mary Ann Lipscomb of Shinnston; her sister Jasmine and her husband Jacob Reed of Shinnston; her niece Emorie Reed; her uncle Glenn "Jake" Lipscomb of Thorton;

as well as several great-aunts and great-uncles.

In addition to her mother, Kaylyn was preceded in death by her grandfather, Emery C. "Bud" Lipscomb, and her aunt, Peggy Glaspell.

Memorial donations may be made to the Whitehall Church of Christ, 3546 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554. The family has entrusted the arrangements to Ford Funeral Home, 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont, WV 26554. In accordance with her wishes, cremation services were held. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Mary C. Slaughter**



Mary C. Slaughter, age 88, of Shinnston, WV, died Sept. 5, 2022, at the home of her daughter in Shinnston. She was born Dec. 20, 1933, in Daysville, WV, a daughter of the late Joseph and Anna DeFrancesco Derico. On Sept. 15, 1950, she married Jerel D. "Jerry" Slaughter who preceded her in death on June 12, 2013.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Faith Darlene Slaughter; two sisters: Edna Coughlin and Theresa Henline; and six brothers: Guy, Bill, Raymond, Angelo, Lebros and Leonard Derico.

She is survived by her children: Patty Miller and husband David of Shinnston; Jerl D. Slaughter, Jr. of Pursglove, WV; Rosalie Boyles and husband Charles "Willy" of Winfield, WV; and Robert Slaughter and wife Debbie of Shinnston; five grandchildren: David Miller, II and husband Dave of San Diego, CA; Shelly Smith of Westover, WV; Mandy Warden and husband Richard of Hurricane, WV; Robert "Bobby" Slaughter, II of Greensburg, PA; and Amber Penland and husband Jonathan of Grafton, WV; nine great-grandchildren: Brittany Minor and companion Robert Blair of Bonnaire, GA; Jarod Miller and fiancé, Abril Arrezola of Camp Lejeune, NC; Kaelyn Miller of Nashville, TN; Sonny Smith of Westover; Robert "Bobby" Slaughter, III of Fairmont, WV; Joey Smith of Westover; Ethan, Nathan and Holden Penland all of Grafton, WV; several nieces and nephews; and two sisters-in-law: Bernice and Helen Derico both of OH.

Mrs. Slaughter was a homemaker and a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Shinnston where she sang in the church choir. She was a member of Sapps Hollow Band, and enjoyed painting, crocheting, and was a wonderful cook. Friends were received Sept. 8, 2022, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Poling-St. Clair Funeral Home. A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Father Edward Tetteh as celebrant. Burial followed in the Sand Run Baptist Cemetery in Excelsior, WV.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Association or St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Poling-St. Clair Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.

Bob Richardson, who was born in 1918 and died in 1991, was owner of Richardson Lumber Co. in Shinnston for many years. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.



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# Fairmont State offers nursing bachelor's degree

Fairmont State University's College of Nursing has expanded academic offerings through the launch of its traditional, in-person Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, according to a news release.

will begin in the spring term of 2023, to be followed by a new cohort to be admitted annually each fall.

"The establishment of a traditional BSN program affords us the opportunity to continue addressing healthcare needs within

our region," said Fairmont State University College of Nursing Dean, Laura Clayton.

"Introducing this program also allows us to increase the promotion of evidence-based nursing practice, focusing on community and population health."

The university already offers other nursing programs, such as an Associate of Science in Nursing and a Licensed Practical Nurse to Associate of Science in Nursing program.

Prospective students interested in applying to the program may contact Deborah.

Hawkins@FairmontState.edu for information regarding spring 2023 admission. The priority deadline for the fall 2023 term is Jan. 15, 2023.

The online application may be accessed at fairmontstate.edu/apply.

## Fraternity suspended for hazing

West Virginia University suspended the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity on Aug. 30, for reported hazing incidents in violation of the Student Conduct Code, according to a news release.

The university did not provide specific information about the hazing.

The interim suspension went into effect immediately and prevents Pi Kappa Phi from all recruitment activities, as well as participating, organizing or attending social functions, among other restrictions.

"We take every report of possible misconduct seriously, and many times investigations provide a chance for us to help students make better choices in the future," Jill Gibson, director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, said. "But we want our students and student organizations to understand that hazing of any kind is never okay."

The claims may also be reviewed for potential criminal charges outside of the University's Code of Conduct.



## Elks speaker to present vaping education

Harrison County Elks Lodge 2875 has received a grant from Elks National Foundation to bring the Elks National Drug Awareness Speaker Ray Lozano to Harrison County schools, according to a news release.

Lozano will be hosted the week of Sept. 26-29. He will be visiting each middle and high school speaking on the dangers of vaping. He last visited Harrison County Schools in 2019 when he presented on the dangers of alcohol, drug use and tobacco use among adolescents. Lozano travels

nationally for the Elks, answering drug questions for middle school through college-age students. He is a certified drug prevention specialist and a drug and alcohol counselor for the state of California.

There will be a public seminar/forum on Sept. 27 at Robert C Byrd High School, Eagle Way, Clarksburg between 6 p.m.-8 p.m. This evening seminar is open to community leaders, clergy, parents, grandparents, and the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The information provided will be helpful in discussing drug awareness with youth or other groups, organizers say.

For more information, please contact Jeff Barnhart at 304-365-2362

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